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JUST DO YOUR BEST.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

The signs is bad when folks commence A-finding fault with Providence, And balkin' 'cause the earth don't shake At ev'ry prancin' step they take.

No man is great till he can see How less than little he would be Ef stripped to self, and stark and bare He hung his sign out anywhere,

My doctern is to lay aside Contentions, and be satisfied; Jest do your best, and praise er blame That follers that, counts jest the same. I've allus noticed great success Is mixed with troubles more or less. And it's the man who does the best That gits more kicks than all the rest. For The Maryland Farmer.

OUR NEW FARM, XXVIII.

THE WEDDING.

HE weeks rolled away rapidly and the time approached for the wedding. We did not know much * weddings in the country, and Mrs. Green kept me wondering what I had to do in the premises. Finally I concluded I had better do as little as possible, unless I was told to do something. After discussing the matter pro and con a dozen times or more, it was decided it should be a home wedding on a Wednesday evening,

reception, refreshments, and distribution of cake, etc.

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This was of course the decision of daughter and James, after everybody had talked the matter threadbare, and all the arguments about church weddings and home weddings, quiet weddings and display weddings had been duly considered.

It should be a quiet home wedding, with a few invitations to the most intimate friends of the two families. Perhaps all told there would be thirty or so invited guests. When I was spoken to on this subject I always made it a point to say:

"Why not have a good party of all the neighbors and friends?"

Then one and all would say:

"Oh, father, you don't mean that !--

We don't want everybody; that wouldn't do at all!"

Then they would go on discussing the matter again, and would come around and ask me. Then I would say just as I had said before, as if I had not heard any of their comments. Then they would have it all over again.

For some time the honse was a busy scene; for it was turned into a dressmaking establishment, as it were. Not that daughter was oblidged to have so much done; but it was the custom to provide a store of clothing of every description on such an occasion, and of course we must not be out of the fashion.

While this was going on, the subject of a wedding tour was discussed. I took no part in this; but when asked I very meekly replied that Mrs. Green and I only went from the home farm to the house where I was living in the town, so I could not give much of an opinion on the subject.

Daughter said;

"James and I have talked this matter over and at first we thought a short journey might be very pleasant; but we concluded finally that we would not go on a wedding tour. We would wait until next summer, and then go as old married folks."

This made us all laugh very heartily. They intended to be old married folks in a very short time, according to that.

Then daughter continued:

"Well, we think we would like to go to Niagara Falls; but we don't think it would be very pleasant there in cold weather."

We all agreed with her in that. And I said:

"A great deal of money is generally spent on wedding tours, which persons in our circumstances cannot well afford to waste in that way. It is well enough for those who are already in comfortable circumstances to celebrate weddings by such methods; but where a young couple are not flush with cash, it is the giving up of substantial comforts for a very short period of transient happiness."

They answered me:

"Oh. we don't want to look upon it in that light. It is a special occasion when the mere money value is not taken into the account at all. That is entirely lost sight of for the time being."

To this I replied:

"Oh, yes, I know all that; and yet, much substantial comfort could be added to the home, which would contribute to the happiness of the young couple for a long time, by the money expended on a single week's wedding tour."

The good wife then said:

"Father, you're behind the age. must not expect young people to look upon things in such a serious way as that. It's all in a life time, anyway. If they spend their money in a wedding tour, they wont spend it some other way, and will go without something else."

Then I laughed and said:

"All right. I was only moralizing as usual in my prosy way. I was just airing my old fashioned notions and I would not have done that much, only James

and daughter had already decided the matter."

Then followed all the preparations for The wedding cakes were the occasion. duly prepared at the home and sent to Baltimore to be iced and ornamented, and I myself took a journey to the city to provide all those little dainties which could not be procured nearer our home.

The day arrived. Some presents came to daughter from our friends, and among them were some from poor people which made the tears come into our eyes when we saw them, for we knew they were tokens from the heart. It is not the costly gift from the rich which is appreciated, so much as the humble simple gift of some poor friend who has sacrificed for the sake of bestowing this token of affec-This touches the heart.

On the morning before the wedding Mr. Camden and I with our recorded deeds, walked into the dining room where Mrs. Camden, wife and daughter, Josie and James were sitting, and presented them to our children.

James took his in silence, with his face paling and flushing alternately; and daughter took hers with the exclamation:

"What is this?"

She did not at first realize what was But in a moment it flashed upon her, and throwing herself upon her mother she burst into tears, sobbing and hiding her face on her mother's breast.

Upon this, James came forward and with a trembling voice thanked us for this great gift to them, as well as he could.

After the first excitement passed, there were many words showing astonishment and pleasure, and such a restful sense of loving care and affection seemed to surround them that their cup of happiness was full to the very brim.

Not long after this, nothing would do but we must all go up to the new cottage, and James and daughter stood on the front piazza and looked out upon the acres which now belonged to them.

I thought—oh, could we go back to our young days and realize the feelings of these two youthful souls just coming into possession of a home, as they came into possession of each other! May it indeed be a blessed home in the years to come; the dwelling place of true and lasting happiness, founded in true and lasting affection.

Fires were at once kindled in all the rooms that the house might be thoroughly dried and aired and ready for the young couple when they should wish to occupy it.

And the hours flew by on rapid wings. The old home was swept and decorated. All the preliminary preparations were made. The dining room was in order, and the dining room windows were darkened and the doors kept closed. family took only an apology for supper in the kitchen; and I felt, when I asked the blessing at our table, that the two or three sentences contained the yearnings of all our souls, and petitioned for more than at any other time could have been condensed into the hundreds of volumes on our library shelves. James and daughter were together and ate but little; although our meal passed with moderate hilarity and some laughter.

Evening came. The worthy minister and his wife were among the first to arrive, and soon after all the invited gnests were at hand. The half a dozen from

Baltimore came driving up from the depot, Charley having gone down with Old Roan and the carryall to meet them.

Precisely at half past eight o'clock—the time appointed—the bride and groom preceded by their parents, walked into the parlor, and Charley and Lizzie took their stand respectfully in the door way. As they entered, every one in the room arose, and the minister at once commenced the marriage service.

During this service, although we had every reason to feel contented and satisfied; yet I saw a moisture in my dear wife's eye and a quiver about her lips which told of her feeling, and there was a fluttering of my own heart which betokened nothing more than that sense of the important event which was then being accomplished in our lives.

As soon as the words "husband and wife" were pronounced, there followed the congratulations, the kisses, the pleasant words of endearment. Josie kept saying over and over again, "my sister, my sister," as if she were trying to get used to it, while Mr. and Mrs. Camden were quite demonstrative in their affection. In fact, the serious part of the ceremony over, merry words and laughter, light talk and pleasant chatter, the rustle of dresses and the cheerful voices, mingled to dispel all feelings of solemnity and to fill the house with an atmosphere of happiness and joy.

After the congratulations, all were invited to the dining room, and in due form the bride pierced the cake with the knife and then passed it over to be duly carved and distributed. The gnests did ample justice to all, carrying away also to absent friends portions of the good things—the young to dream over the

wedding cake; the old to live over again in memory their own young days.

Such was the wedding on Our New Farm. Such the simple way in which, in the country, families are formed.—Such the way in which neighbors become united as kindred.

It sounded strange to my good wife and to me during all the evening to hear our daughter called Mrs. Camden, and I observed that occasionally a flush crept to her cheek when some one addressed her by her new name.

But what matters the name? She is our own precious daughter still. And James?—James is all we can ask in a son. He, from the very first day when we first moved to our farm, seemed more like one of our own family than like a stranger. He has grown to be one of us, till now he has taken one step nearer and we call him our own,

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(To be continued.)

For the Maryland Farmer.

WINTER CARE OF HORSES.

The first thing to do for your horse is to see that he is comfortable. A stable free from leaks, free from draught: good dry floor for his feet: plenty of good clean bedding.

If you wish him to look sleek have him well blanketed and give him extra care with comb and brush.

Always take his blanket with you when you drive him and if he is to stand a few minutes throw it over him.

Examine his feet often, keep them free from ice, and his shoes well sharpened.

Don't give him warm water to drink; but don't let it be ice cold. In either case it will be a misery to him.

If he has chop feed and meal or bran, it will be as well to have it mixed with hot water, for then it will be a comfort to him and will be eaten before it can be frozen.

Naturally he will require more food during the winter than in the summer, and corn will not harm him in the cold weather—its heating and fatening qualities being needed.

In winter it will pay well to attend to the little things which make for the horse's comfort.

Making It Pay.

If you have grown a crop (farm or garden) and the price falls, or you have "got stuck," (a business phrase which we can't dodge or improve on), don't sell it at a loss; rather buy some stock to feed it to, and thus turn a mischance iuto a profit. This is but common sense, I call it science, but let that go. It is a sign of brains, mother wit, or what not Anyhow, it is like "Sheridan's Ride," it turns a defeat into a victory. That was science, the science of war, and what is farming but a war against the weather, the seed, the soil, and so on. Any man can get out of a horn at one end or the

other; the big end if he can, the little if he must, but don't get stuck in the middle; that don't pay.

Hungry.

A cow that jumps fences needs attention, but not as much in the way of pokes, blinders, knee bands, etc, as plenty of food. Cows don't jump fences just to show their skill, as boys do when they stand on their heads the day after a circus leaves town.

The man who complains that his cows are unruly can safely be set down as a poor farmer, and very often he is a cruel one, who deserves punishment. Most unruly cows are made so by hunger.

For The Maryland Farmer.

Use of Small Lots.

Mr. Editor;—I live in the city, but I have a good sized yard and I grow a large variety of fruit, flowers and vegetables. Many of your readers live in villages where they generally have larger lots than in the city. Sometimes they have fully one quarter of an acre or even more, and I think much might be grown on these small pieces if those living there could be induced to improve them.

I have noticed that only about one out of five in villages make any effort to grow anything of value on their lots. A few have a small variety of flowers, and a few have small flocks of chickens. Occasionally one has a pig, and perhaps one in the whole village may keep a cow. This in a gathering of houses containing from five hundred to five thousand inhabitants.

I have had occasion to visit many

towns in all parts of our country, and I am sure I have given about the average of those who attempt to make use of the extra land around their houses for any valuable purpose.

Among the things which may be profitably grown, giving pleasure and supplying something for the table are grapes and strawberries in the way of fruits; lettuce, peas and beans, pie plant and asparagns, sweet corn and turnips, beets, radishes and onions. It takes but a very small strip of ground to grow enough pie plant to supply an ordinary family and it comes so early that it is a very welcome dish, especially while sugar is cheap. It is also a very wholesome dish early in the spring.

I wish, Mr. Editor. you would enlarge on this subject, for I think you would do much good, if you could help a reform in our village population on these matters.

CHARLES T.

For The Maryland Farmer.

SHEEP.

Sheep, though thickly clad with a fieece of wool, suffer as much from cold and storm as any other stock.

They should have good warm shelter to which they may come whenever they choose, and when extra cold or stormy you will find them there.

It is very important to keep them as much as possible with dry feet, as many of the drawbacks in reference to sheep husbandry may be found in neglect in this respect.

If by exposure to storm the fleece is wet in cold weather it will require extra attention.

In feeding give meal and bran as well



as hay, or silage if you have it. Extra food is not lost by any means; it will show itself when the spring arrives.

Your flock will need watchful care especially if you expect early lambs—and we have found mutton sheep to be fully as profitable as wool sheep.

New Designs For Silver Coins.

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On the reverse or back of the coin appears the seal of the United States, as adopted in 1782, which may be described as follows.

An eagle displayed with open wings, charged on the breast a shield argent, six pallets gules, a chief azure, holding in the dexter claw an olive branche, representing peace, and in the sinister claw a sheaf of thirteen arrows representing war.

In its beak the eagle holds a scroll containing the motto, "E Pluribus Unum." ensigned above and about the head, with thirteen stars environed by clouds.

This will be the design of the half dollar and quarter dollar, while the dime will have for obverse (or face) the same head as the half dollar and quarter dollar except that in place of the stars there will be the inscription, "United States of America." The motto "In God We Trust," will be omitted from the dime.

The reverse of the dime will be the same as at present in use.

The design for the reverse of the half dollar and quarter dollar is a return to the design of almost the first coinage of the country, while the female head on the face of the coins is far more beautiful than any which has yet appeared on our coins.

The mint at Philadelphia is at present employing all its energy to commence coinage by Jan. 1, 1892.

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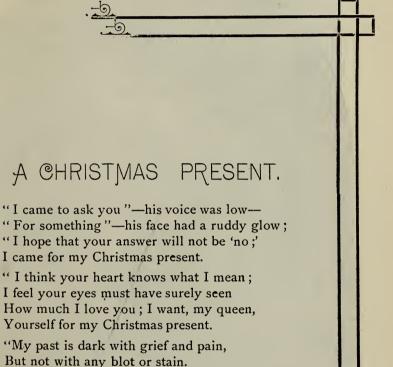
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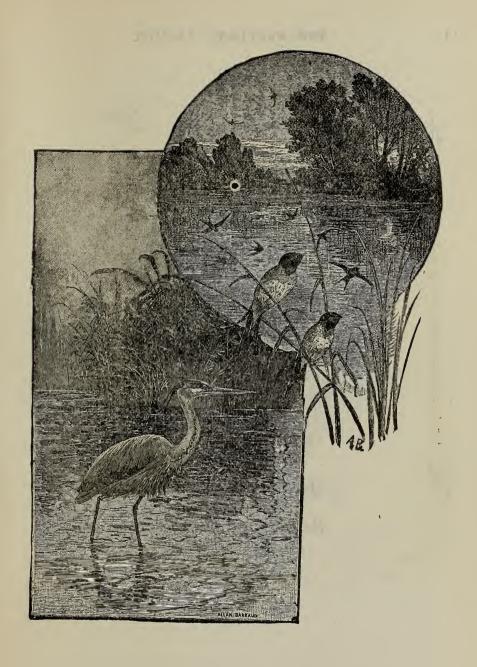
For thee as my Christmas present?"

"Forget the past; 'tis gone and dead:
Just think "—she bent her graceful head,
The color o'er her fair face spread—
"Just think of your Christmas present."

Ah! shall I plead, my love, in vain









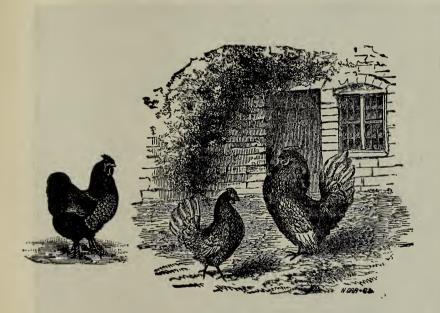
THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

When Uncle Sam was but a boy, One Christmas eve he hung His stocking by the old fireplace, And then this song he sung:

"O, Santa Claus! O, Santa Claus, Give me some potent charm, That pretty girls, when I'm a man, May grow upon my farm."

And that is why old Santa Claus, To-day is so admired: Because be gave our Uncle Sam The thing be most desired.



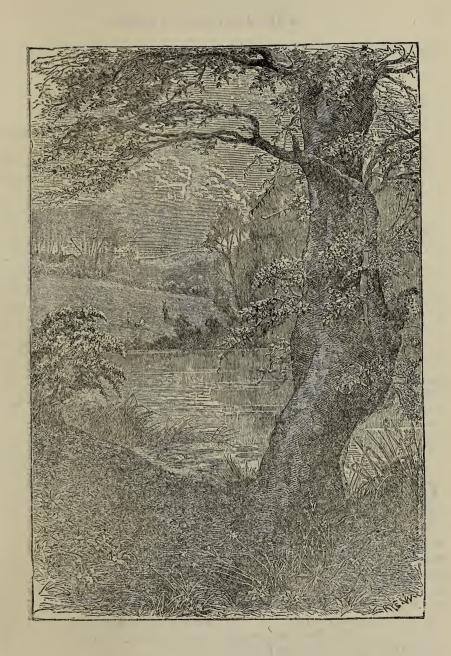


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Ha-ha! He-he!
We're still among the living!"
Two pullets cried
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UR December number, we make Firith with suggestive pictures. It is pleasant, also, that the author of "Our New Farm" should have given us the marriage chapter in this holiday number. May Mr. Camden. and Miss Green. find their life brightened by the gladness and joy of Christmas greetings.

To all our subscribers and readers we send the best wishes and heartiest hopes for a joyous Christmas and a glad New Year.

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The greatest mistake is in cultivating too much poor land-trying to grow crops which cannot pay for the labor bestowed upon them. Even when all the labor is your own it is a a great mistake to use it in this way.

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Don't expect always to succeed with every undertaking. Grow enough variety so that you will not be in great trouble even if one or two departments are a failure.

The best paying stock is the horse; then the sheep; then the pig, then the cow. These among the larger animals; but, treated as stock, poultry is number one.

Your own comfortable living and the happiness of your own home should be the principle objects of your labor on the farm. Nothing should usurp the place of this in your mind.

Always plan to make home-work lighter for your family, Take away all burdens if possible. The better you manage your farm work, the less should be the work required of mother and daughters.

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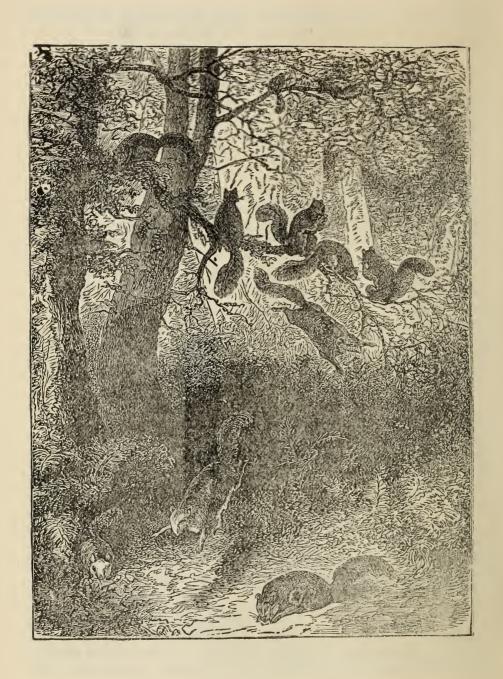
When in want of money do not commence your economizing by depriving your family of comforts, or by adding additional work upon wife and daughters by keeping summer boarders. If expenses must be cut off, let them be your own expenses.

Small fruits pay largely—the earliest and latest always should be chos-Those which come in the height of the market are not generally so profitable. It is the same with peaches-the very latest varieties are the most desirable.

* *

The world is in large measure dependent upon us for fruit and in years to come the demand will be greater rather than less. If you are young, or only mibdle aged, now, the chances are that the largest orchard your ambition will enable you to start will be in the line of profit.

When it is proposed to plant apples Dogs and sheep cannot well thrive it should be remembered that exper-If you keep a dog for the ience has taught as that if properly protection of your family; let him be fed "off years" are not a necessity.





Starving an orchard is all that prevents fruiting every year. Feed ashes and bone, and mulch the ground.

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May these thoughts make Christmas a happy season to you, dear reader, by becoming in some sure way a pointer to prosperity, giving you the resolution to mould your work better and win the rest and happiness of you and yours—if not this year, then in the near future.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION.

The Editor acknowledges with a real pleasure the invitation to the Thanksgiving Celebration at Rock Hill College, and only regrets that home engagements prevented him from being present on what he has since learned was indeed a pleasant and entertaining oceasion.

KNOWING AND DOING.

It is certainly a great thing to know all the reasons for anything you do in farming; but it is of prime importance that you should be master of the way to do it. Doing it, so that you accomplish your work in the ea-

siest, best, and therefore most profitable way, is what you want above all things. Whys and wherefores—the reasons for each move and all the details—it is well to know as a matter of gratification. Knowledge of the "why," however, without the practical doing of the work is a barren acquisition.

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WORTH REMEMBERING.

The N. H. Mirror and Farmer says:

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A FEW.

In stock the rule is, always commence with a few. Whether horses, cattle, sheep, chickens, bees, begin small and grow. Success may possibly come with a large commencement, but it generally presages failure. A few and growth will warrant success.

THE COLLEGE.

We have been overwhelmed with let ers, communications for publication and personal visits relating to the Maryland Agricultural College, all expressing unqualified condemnation of its management and an indignation at the useless expenditure of over a hundred thousand dollars during the four years past and present We have inwith few good results. tentionally suspended comments during these two months of November and December: but our readers may rest assured that we have still very much to say on this subject and shall not be satisfied until we see things moving in better shape than at present.

INCONSISTENT.

We heartily wish "God speed" to the the earnest workers who would abolish saloons and destroy the opportunities for the intemperate use of liquors. But—we cannot help a feeling of contempt for the slave to tobacco who pretends to be a temperance advocate. It would be well could temperance in the one case be accompanied by temperance in the other. Tobacco may claim as large an expenditure of money, time and health as alcohol.

SPRAYING.

Should not something be procured as a substitute for Arsenic? Paris Read about our Green or London Purple are only They are well we preparations of Arsenic. Remember See advertisement.

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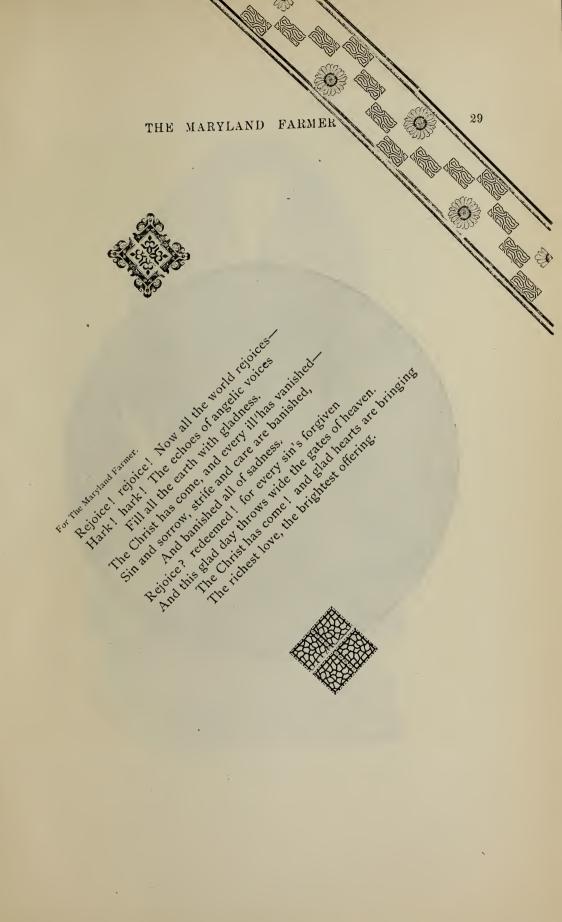
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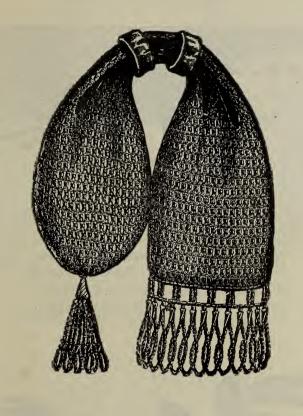
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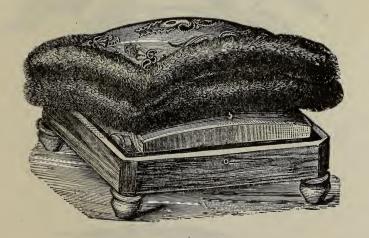
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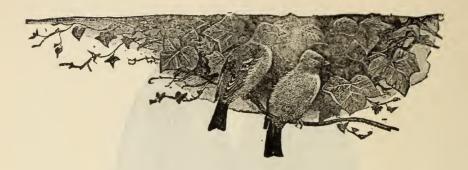










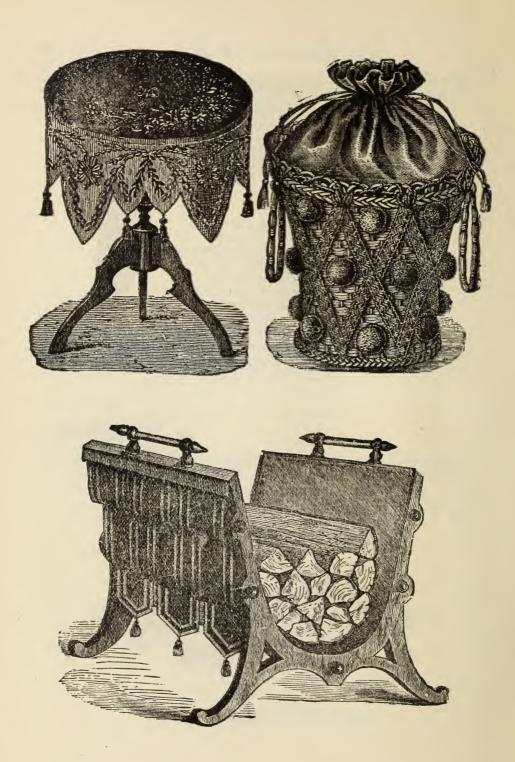


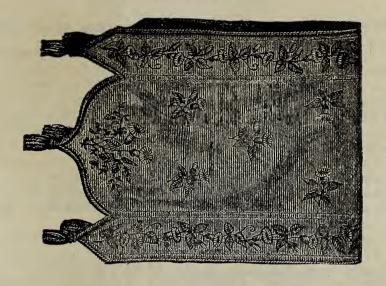
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Which from the night shall drive thy peace away.
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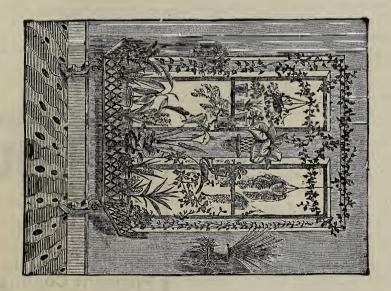












For The Maryland Farmer.

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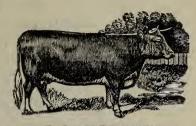
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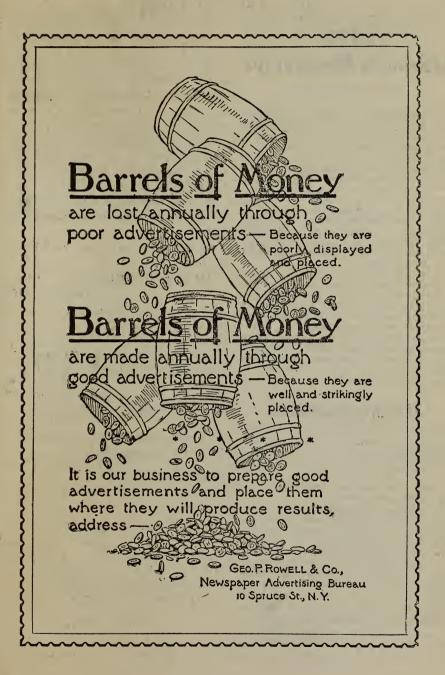
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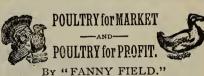
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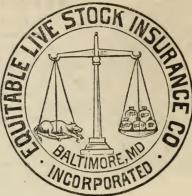
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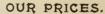




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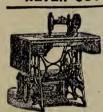
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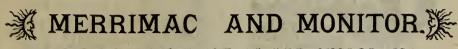


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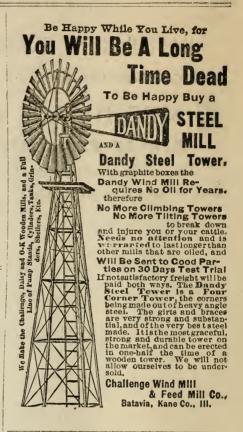
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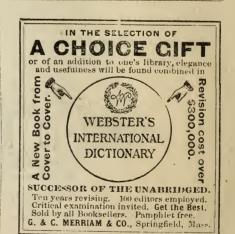
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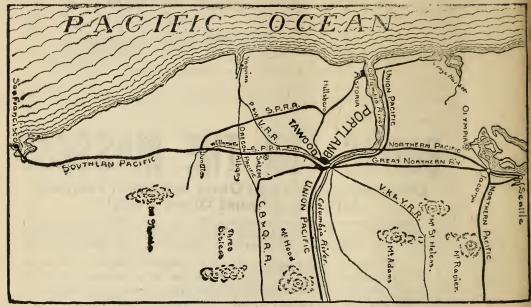
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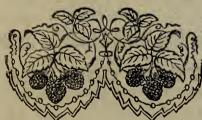
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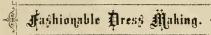
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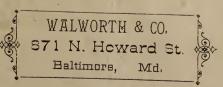
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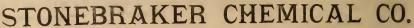
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